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# Gene DeGruson Memorial Lecture

## Ninth Annual - October 3rd, 2006

**"Kansas, a State Linked with a Rich Western Past"**

*Don Coldsmith, speaker*

*Special Collections, Axe Library*

*7:00 p.m.*

Don Coldsmith, prolific novelist and writer of the "Spanish Bit Saga", historian, professional physician (retired), tireless lecturer, journalist (his syndicated column on horse care and breeding, Horsin' Around, has run for 40 years), rancher, former professor of English at Emporia State, disc jockey, piccolo player, director, in his own youth, of youth services at the YMCA, former soldier in the Pacific theater and father of five will take time from his busy lifetime schedule to deliver his Circle of History address for the 9th annual Gene DeGruson Memorial Lecture on October 3, 2006.

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This lecture, funded by the Kansas Humanities Council deals with, according to the description in their catalog, "Spanish explorers, famous outlaws, mountain men, Indians, radical reformers - [who] all left their mark [on] Kansas, a state linked with a rich western past of frontier forts, pioneer trails, cattle towns, and Civil War battles." The lecture will take place at 7 p.m. in the Special Collections Department in the basement of Axe Library. Afterwards, attendees can retire to the first floor and enjoy cookies and punch and socialization with Don.

Proceeds will fund ongoing activities of Friends of Axe, namely, a new edition of A Closer Look, the Friends' history book of the campus, and a sculpture to be placed in the courtyard before the entrance of Axe Library.